

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is provided to amend claim 13. No new matter has been added. It is noted that the claim is being amended to address various aspects of the invention as supported by the original Specification, and are not being added in response to United States Patent & Trademark Office objections/rejections or to otherwise overcome any issue of patentability. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant has not intended to narrow, nor has the Applicant narrowed, the scope of the newly presented or originally presented claims by way of this preliminary amendment.

The Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified patent application.

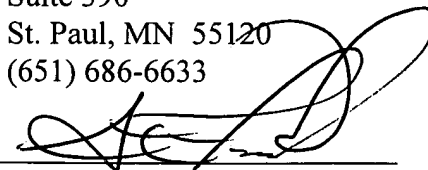
If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at 651-686-6633 (ext. 110) to discuss any issues related to this case.

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